

FARM WORK

Some Interesting Thoughts From Commissioner of Agriculture.

Much of the time in "Talks to Farmers" we have tried to emphasize the importance of getting the soil broken deep with all the vegetable matter possible added and the soil thoroughly pulverized before planting. Where this has been done fully and the surface stirred often the moisture will be conserved and the crop will grow right on even if we do have a dry spell; to the extent that it is neglected will the crop suffer from dry weather. We have known farmers to quit plowing because of dry weather when they should have worked the surface of the soil into a dust mulch. Of course if the farmer has adhered to his old methods of breaking his ground shallow and has put his seed into the ground before the soil was pulverized, he may expect to have clods to contend with, will lose his moisture and his crop cannot feed on the plant food in the soil. His crops will not be profitable and he can only have himself to blame.

The harvest and haying season is now here and we should use every precaution to save our crops when made. We have seen splendid wheat crops practically lost after it was in the shock, by letting it remain after it was ready to go either to the machine or to the barn if a thresher was not available. Anyone who travels over the country and is observant will see many tons of hay ruined after it is cut, by delay in getting it protected. Such losses to the farmer is inexcusable in the majority of cases. Attention to detail, doing the right thing at the right time in the right way, puts the balance on the right side of the farmer's ledger.

In the cultivation of corn, we should try and give the ground a thorough shallow stirring at least once every ten days. Once a week would be better. The constant stirring of the surface soil kills the weeds and conserves the moisture in the soil.

This year much interest will be taken in politics, but it should never interfere with the farmer's work, he is more directly interested in his crops, or should be, than in politics. He should be informed on policies of government, state and national, and should be able to vote intelligently for the party that advocates the policies best for all the people, but when he neglects his personal interests to participate in political wrangles, no matter what his political convictions, he is doing himself and his family an injustice. It is the farmer who is ever ready to take more interest in politics and other affairs outside of his business, that is allowing his farm to run down, his buildings growing dilapidated and his family wanting for the necessities of life.

The business from which we expect our support should always be given first consideration. Street corner and crossroad discussion of politics has never resulted in much individual profit to the farmer who neglects his farm work to engage in them.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

To be Held With Hollow Rock Church, June 28-30.

A fifth Sunday meeting will be held by the Southwestern District Baptist Association with Prospect Baptist church, at Hollow Rock, Jude 28-30, and following is the program:

Friday evening, 7:30, devotional exercises—W. A. Butler, to be followed by introductory sermon by Rev. E. M. Simmons and Rev. E. M. Joyner.

Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, devotional services by Rev. Walter Joyner.

1. Who is a disorderly member and how should we deal with him?
2. The greatest need in this association.
3. Scripture giving, how much, when and why give?
4. What do Baptists teach that other denominations do not?
5. Who is a good preacher and pastor?
6. Who is a good church member?
7. Will we be rewarded for serving God? If so, when and why?

Sunday 9:30 a. m. — Sunday school talks, led by J. B. Gilbert. Sermon at 11 o'clock by Rev. I. N. Penick and Rev. T. M. Boyd. Subject, missions.

The speakers expected to be present during the meeting are I. N. Penick, B. T. Huey, G. M. Workman, C. M. Simmons, E. M. Joyner, Joe Joyner, Joe Allen, Walter Joyner, E. M. Franks, W. A. Butler, Eli Wright, Jesse Neal, T. M. Boyd and all others who will come.

The members of the executive board of the association are requested to be present on Saturday to plan some work. Be sure and come. Something must be done. Everybody is invited.

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VISITS NOTED CITY

Writer Tells of Scenes Where Jeanne d'Arc Died.

Tourists Accept Hospitality of Farmer's Wife, and Are Shown Relics Owned Before Her Execution.

Rouen, France.—Flora, Dear: It seems almost cruel to write of Rouen, when you were denied the pleasure of visiting here. You were ever a staunch admirer of Jeanne d'Arc, and we planned to cover the scenes of her triumphs and misfortunes, since our first history days.

The mediæval city has quite measured up to my expectations. Jack and I explored the glorious old Gothic cathedral from the crypt to the belfry tower. What a wonderful specimen of architecture it is! We made several fairly good sketches of the nave as well as the exterior.

The form of Richard Cœur de Lion is much defaced by vandals who collect souvenirs.

In the Place de la Pucelle stands a statue of the Maid of Orleans, over the exact spot where she was burned.

The people of Rouen hold her very name in sacred veneration and relate many traditions associated with her tragic life.

The surrounding country is extremely alluring, and each day we tramp for miles. The well-kept fields of grain or vegetables each has its border of field-flowers blooming in riotous profusion. Poppies, daisies, buttercups, and bluebells grow, apparently, to garland some child's hat.

One afternoon, feeling rather tired and hungry, after walking six miles, we stopped at a farm cottage and procured milk and fresh bread. The good wife, a typical belle of Normandy, was most kind to us. She spread our feast in the vine-clad summer house of her lovely garden.

In the distance we could plainly distinguish the tower where Jeanne d'Arc was imprisoned for so many weary months. Jack plyingly narrated a few instances concerning her imprisonment which history fails to relate. In the midst of his conversation, our hostess disappeared. She returned, however, almost immediately, holding in her hand a small box of antique copper. Giving this to Jack, she requested him to examine its contents.

Upon opening the box he drew forth a rosary, much discolored from age, the beads being evidently of ivory. After murmuring a short prayer, she gave us the history of the rosary. One of her ancestors was the keeper of Jeanne d'Arc during the period of imprisonment at Rouen. He was devoted to this unfortunate maid, and



Old City Walls of Rouen.

did everything in his power to relieve her suffering. He supplied her with appetizing food and at the risk of his life delivered messages to her friends. During the long siege of her trial he faithfully served her in every manner, and when the Inquisition finally condemned her to death at the stake he was heart-broken. The bishop of Beauvais ordered her Bible and rosary to be destroyed, denying her the consolation of religion, so far as his power extended. Crushed and humiliated, she awaited her terrifying fate. The keeper, at her request, procured a rosary from a sympathetic priest, who was powerless to aid the maid. She was quite overcome by the keeper's devotion, and blessed him many times.

Finally, the day set for the awful event arrived and the innocent victim of superstition was led forth from her prison tower to pay the price of her service to Charles VII. of France. When the light had been applied to the fagots and the flames rose about the frail form of Jeanne d'Arc, the unrelenting bishop discovered the rosary suspended at her side. He ordered a priest to remove it, but as he drew near the saintly Jeanne the flames formed a forbidding barrier, which no one could brave.

The rosary is the cherished treasure of the little woman, who is the only surviving member of her family. She claims that the rosary possesses the power of consolation, however great the sorrow may be.

Dear Jean, you should know her! She is the personification of peace and repose.

We leave for Paris in a week. Do arrange to join us there!

Ever lovingly,

JEAN DOUGLAS.

CLOUDS ARE LIKE SNOW PEAK

Heavens at Certain Time of Day Resemble Gigantic Glaciers in the Alps.

Berne, Switzerland.—Whoever has traveled in the western states or in Europe knows the beauty and understands the fascination of snow mountains.

At places like Pau, from which on a clear day the whole range of the Pyrenees is visible, or Bern, from which, when the weather is favorable, can be seen the glaciers of the giants among the Oberland Alps, at such places travelers will wait for hours and even for days for the clouds to lift in order to see this sight which is so wonderful. Yet I have often observed at home great white clouds heaped on the horizon which had the same majestic beauty as a distant view of the Alps, the Pyrenees or the Rockies. And no one has stopped to look at them twice or to admire them.

The rosy glow on the Alps at sunset, to see which people will even desert the dinners, the pink glow of



In the Shadow of the Ice Mountains.

sunrise that entices them from their beds in the small hours of the morning—these sights which are so enchanting in their loveliness are surpassed by the coloring of the mountainous cumuli that without going a step out of your way you may frequently see at evening in the western sky.

This thought which has so often passed through my mind was recalled by a sentence written by Sir Francis Younghusband in a book describing Kashmir: "Early in September the atmosphere has been freshened and cooled by the rains which, though they fall lightly in the valley itself, are often heavy in the surrounding mountains. The sun is still powerful in the daytime and the sky unusually bright and clear. But the monsoon will often make a few final efforts. One such day I noted when voluminous masses of cloud rolled up behind the Pir Panjal to a height of twenty-five or thirty thousand feet, their western edges aglow from the setting sun and showing clear and distinct against the background of pinky blue sky, while the great main volume remained dark, heavy and somber, with now and then a split of lightning flashing out, and on the far side, away from the setting sun, threatening tentacles stretched out across the valley in unavailing effort to reach the mountains on the northern side. Under these mighty monsoon masses even the great mountains looked dwarfed and puny. It was a great and final effort of that stupendous natural phenomenon which bears the waters of the Indian ocean to beat upon the Himalaya."

Nothing could give to people who have never seen a mighty range of mountains a better idea of their appearance than the great clouds that pile themselves just above the distant landscape. The soft, rounded summits are more beautiful than the sharp outlines of the mountain ridges, but the mountains are so often veiled in clouds that the similarity of effect is striking and often in the neighborhood of some great snow covered range one is uncertain whether it is the actual heights or the clouds that one perceives from a distance.

WET CHEMICALS FOR FUEL

Inventor Thinks He Has Found Substitute for Coal—Liquid Used to Heat Boiler.

Darby, Pa.—After working on the principle for a long time, George Smith, a well known hot water heater expert, believes he has perfected a compound that will do away with coal as a medium for heat.

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Says There Is No Middle Class.

Montclair, N. J.—At the closing session of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs here Mrs. Florence Howe Hall, one of the delegates, a daughter of the late Julia Ward Howe, objected to the use of the term middle class by Mrs. Seth Abrams, another delegate, in referring to the need for playgrounds in cities. "It is a term copied from an English aristocracy," said Mrs. Hall, "and we do not want it. We are a democracy. We have no 'middle class.' We all belong to the first class."

Land Sale.

L. D. Shadd, et al vs. Betty Springer, et al In Chancery Court at Huntingdon, Tennessee.

Pursuant to a decree of sale pronounced in the above styled cause at the February term, 1912, of the said Chancery Court, at Huntingdon, Tenn., I will on Saturday, the 22nd day of June, 1912, sell at public sale to the highest and best bidder, at the east door of the court house, in Huntingdon, Tenn., the land described in the pleadings in this cause. Lying and being in the Second civil district of Carroll county, Tennessee, and known as the Wesley Springer tract of land. Metes and bounds given on day of sale.

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